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Applicant : Kiyoharu HIRAO et al.

Appl. No. : 10/030,124

Group Art Unit: 1626

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Examiner: Robert Gerstl

For : METHOD OF PURIFYING ORGANIC PHOSPHORIC ESTER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on May 27, 2003 (May 26, 2003 being a Federal holiday) this Amendment is being timely filed and a Request for Extension of Time is therefore not being filed. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows: